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Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “Management of the Uptown Community Parking District”

OVERVIEW

On May 24, 2010 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to the Mayor and City Council entitled “Management of the Uptown Community Parking District”. In response to a citizen’s complaint regarding the management of the Uptown Community Parking District (UPCD), the Grand Jury investigated allegations related to fiscal management, public transparency and community input. In addition to reviewing the relevant City Council Policy (#100-18) and other related documentation, the Grand Jury interviewed certain UPCD board members/employees, senior City management staff and volunteer organizations/businesses in the UPCD.

The resulting report included four findings and three recommendations. Both the Mayor and the City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations within ninety days. This report presents the City Council’s response as recommended by the IBA.

Prior to developing response recommendations for the City Council, the IBA reviewed the Mayor’s response and discussed the Grand Jury’s findings/recommendations with City Planning and Community Investment Department staff and the Executive Director of the Uptown Partnership. For each finding and recommendation, the City Council may 1) join the Mayor’s response; 2) respond with a modification to the Mayor’s response; or 3) respond independently of the Mayor.

In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either 1) agree with the finding or 2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation 1) has been implemented; 2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; 3) requires further analysis; or

4) will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.

Of the seven items included in the Mayor's response, the IBA recommends that the City Council join the Mayor's response on all seven items. This recommendation is based on the understanding additional analysis related to 1) City parking/traffic related expenses and 2) the benefits/effectiveness of the UPCD is required before Grand Jury's recommendations can be thoughtfully considered. Staff has informed the IBA that they will need more than six months from the date of the Grand Jury's report to complete this analysis, but that the analysis will be completed within FY 2011. The City Council could also consider referring the Grand Jury's report to the City Auditor to determine if the issues warrant inclusion into a future audit work plan.

The table below provides a summary of the IBA's recommendations.

Findings:	01, 02, 03, 04	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</i>
Recommendations:	10-52, 10-53, 10-54	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</i>

The full text of the Mayor's responses, and the IBA's recommended responses on behalf of the City Council, can be found in Attachment 1 to this report.

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Attachments:

- 1) Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled "Management of the Uptown Community Parking District"
- 2) San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled "Management of the Uptown Community Parking District"
- 3) City Attorney Memorandum concerning the "Use of Parking Meter Funds for Traffic-Related Issues"
- 4) City Council Policy 100-18: Community Parking Districts